

### MLO Education & Testing Changes

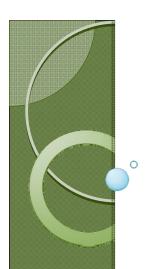
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# MLO Education & Testing Changes A Few Housekeeping Items...

- Mute your phone with the mute button or \*6
- Time is reserved towards the end for questions
- Use the chat feature for questions
- Materials from this webinar will be posted to DFI's website





### **Uniform State Test**



#### What is the Uniform State Test?

- Adopted by 20 state agencies, including Washington to replace existing state tests
  - Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana DFI, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah DFI, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin
- ✓ Launches April 1
- ✓ Initially Comes in Two Forms



#### National Test with UST

- ✓ New Section of the National Test
- ✓ Existing National Test replaced by National Test with UST
- √ 25 Questions
- ✓ High-Level State Content from SAFE Act & Model State Law



#### Existing and New National Test Comparison

Test	# Questions	Test Length	Test Fees
National Test	100 total; 90 scored	150 minutes	\$92
National Test with UST	125 total; 115 scored	190 minutes	\$110



#### Existing and New National Test Comparison

National Test	National Test with UST	
Federal Mortgage Laws (35%)	Federal Mortgage Laws (25%)	
General Mortgage Knowledge (25%)	General Mortgage Knowledge (20%)	
Mortgage Loan Origination Activities (25%)	Mortgage Loan Origination Activities (20%)	
Ethics (15%)	Ethics (15%)	
	Uniform State Content (20%)	



#### Stand-alone UST

- ✓ 25 Questions, all scored
- ✓ High-Level State Content from SAFE Act & Model State Law
- ✓ Available only until March 31, 2014



#### Some Important Points

- ✓ List of state agencies adopting the UST is on the NMLS Resource Center
- ✓ If a MLO has passed the National Test and Stand-alone UST or the National Test with UST, he/she met the testing requirement for all adopting state agencies
- ✓ Passage of the UST does not equal licensure for all state agencies adopting the UST the MLO must still apply for licensure in those states



#### What does this all mean?

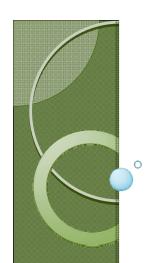
- ✓ Washington State Test retired as of April 1
- ✓ New Applicants with National Test and Washington Test
  - Do not need additional test(s)
- ✓ New Applicants with National Test
  - Must pass Stand-alone UST
- ✓ New Applicants without National Test
  - Must pass National Test with UST



#### What does this all mean?

- ✓ Existing Licensees
  - No new tests required
  - If ever going to license in another state, consider taking Stand-alone UST before March 31, 2014





## Pre-Licensing Education



#### Pre-Licensing Education Changes

- ✓ Changes only impact new applicants, not existing licensees
- ✓ Effective for applications filed on or after April 1
- ✓ 22 hours of Pre-Licensing Education, including 4 hours in Washington law
- ✓ A few options for meeting this requirement
  - ✓ 20 hr SAFE Comprehensive + 4 hr in WA law
  - ✓ 22 hr WA SAFE Comprehensive
  - ✓ 20 hr SAFE Comprehensive + 2hr in WA law + 2 hr in WA law
- ✓ Washington has no change to Continuing Education requirement



#### New Applicants on or after April 1

- ✓ Pre-Licensing Education
  - 22 hours, including 4 hours in Washington law
- √ Testing
  - Pass National Test and Washington Test; or
  - Pass National Test and Stand-alone UST; or
  - Pass National Test with UST
- ✓ Apply via NMLS
- √ Fax or Email New MLO Checklist



#### MLO Education & Testing Changes

- ✓ Education and Testing changes primarily impact new applicants
- ✓ Changes effective April 1
- Existing Licensees may want to consider taking the Stand-alone UST to provide licensing options
- ✓ Many more details on the NMLS Resource Center at: http://mortgage.nationwidelicensingsystem.org/profreq/testing/Pages/UniformStateTest.aspx





#### QUESTIONS?

- Please keep questions general in nature
- Use the chat feature to type a question

If you have a specific question: email mcamp@dfi.wa.gov call (360) 902-8703

